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METHOD FOR MAKING PRINTING
PLATE BY INKJET DEPOSITION OF
COALESCING AGENT

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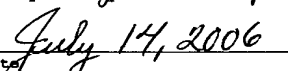
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Claims 1-16 remain in this application and no amendments are presented. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of all rejections in the Office Action for the following reasons.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 12-16 have been rejected as anticipated by US Patent 6,044,762 (DeBoer et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action argues that DeBoer et al. describes the subject matter of Claim 12 in Cols. 3 (lines 50-51), 8 (lines 32-46), and 7 (lines 50-53). Applicant disagrees.

Applicant's claimed apparatus includes (a) an inking means, (b) a means for applying a fountain solution, and (c) a means for imagewise deposition of the coalescing agent.

DeBoer et al. describes an ink jet device (Col. 7, lines 50-53) that can be used to deposit the described metal oxide fluids to form an imaging layer. This can serve as a means for deposition of the coalescing agent (component c in Claim 12). However, there is no description in DeBoer et al. that such deposition